

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

The specification has been amended to eliminate some minor obvious errors. No new matter whatsoever has been added.

STATEMENT REGARDING REPLACEMENT DRAWING

Substantially the only differences between the herewith submitted Replacement Drawing and the originally filed drawings are that the figure designations and reference numerals have been redone. In addition much of the line work and hatching has been corrected to conform to US practice, but basically the drawings show the same structure identified with the same reference numerals as in the originally filed drawings. No new matter whatsoever has been added.

The article-of-manufacture claims have been canceled. Main method claim 28 has been amended to more accurately recite the method of this invention. Thus new method claim makes it clear that piles are formed by high-pressure injection around vertical steel girders, that the beam assembly or sleeper frame of this invention is secured to these girders after the concrete is cured, and that a body of concrete is cast around the reinforcement structure holding together the beams and also around the girder ends. Nothing like this is seen in the art.

More particularly, US 152,469 of Dehuff describes a system where concrete piles are "driven" (second paragraph, line 4) into the ground and then, presumably immediately, the rails are attached to them. This is an altogether different system.

In US 3,300,140 of Moses the two rail-supporting beams apparently sit right on the ballast, like standard sleepers. This is once again an altogether different method from that of this invention. Thus no §103 rejection can be made on the combination of Dehuff and Moses because critical steps - the curing and the surrounding of vertical girders with concrete - are missing from both references.

Thus all claims are allowable.

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